

October 27th, 2025

Mr. Ray Maxwell, PE Executive Director of Capital Projects Gaston County, NC 128 W. Main Ave Gastonia, NC 28052

Re: High Shoals Regional Sewer Improvements

NCDEQ No.: SRP-W-ARP-0074

Engineer's Recommendation to Award

Dear Mr. Maxwell:

Bids were received for the above-referenced project on Thursday, October 23rd, 2025. The project is intended to extend sewer into currently unsewered areas south of High Shoals near the Hardin Road interchange with US321 and generally consists of the following:

- One new duplex, submersible sewer pump station
- Approximately 16,200 linear feet of 8", 10", and 12" force mains
- Upgrades to the existing Landfill Pump Station, including new station piping and new pump impellers
- Approximately 3,200 linear feet of new 10" and 15" gravity sewer, dig-and-replace over existing gravity sewer

Five bids were accepted as summarized in the following table:

CONTRACTOR	LOCATION	License No.	Total Bid Amount*
Dellinger, Inc.	Monroe, NC	5992	\$8,022,899.50
Classic City Mechanical, Inc.	Winterville, GA	15247	\$8,054,417.80
Sanders Utility Construction Co., Inc	Charlotte, NC	39394	\$8,272,725.78
Fuller & Co. Construction, LLC	Crouse, NC	64580	\$8,339,111.00
Elite Infrastructure Group, LLC	Monroe, NC	101332	\$9,445,357.90

^{*}Total Bid Amount includes a 10% contingency.

The low bidder is Dellinger, Inc. out of Monroe, NC. LKC has worked with Dellinger many times since our firm's inception and we have two active projects under construction with them at this time. They are a reputable contractor with a long history of successful projects across North Carolina, and we believe

Dellinger is capable of completing the construction in a clean and timely fashion, and we are comfortable recommending contract award to them.

Funding for some or all of this project is provided by the American Rescue Plan Act grant (Project No. SRP-W-ARP-0074).

If the County chooses to award this project, LKC recommends contract award be made to Dellinger, Inc. for their Total Bid amount of \$8,022,899.50. Any such award should be made contingent upon the following two items:

- Approval of the Project Bid Information package by the NC Division of Water Infrastructure to award the contract and use SRP-W-ARP-0074 funds.
- Approval of the Construction Drawings by the City of Gastonia and the City's internal issuance of the fast-track sewer extension permit. (Review is underway currently and expected to be approved without interrupting the project schedule.)

Attached to this recommendation is a Bid Tabulation showing detailed results of the bid. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (910) 420-1437 or by email at adam@LKCengineering.com.

Sincerely,

LKC Engineering, PLLC

Adam P. Kiker, P.E.